

WE CLAIM:

1. A system for visualizing categorized information comprising:  
a control unit operable to;  
control the storage of a collection of graphical user elements and at least one background image;  
control the display of one or more of the graphical user elements within the image to provide a user with a current status of a given information category associated with the element,  
wherein the information categories are based on selected user criteria.
2. The system as in claim 1 wherein the criteria comprises at least criteria selected from the group consisting of location and time.
3. The system as in claim 1 further comprising a dashboard operable to configure categories and user preferences.
4. The system as in claim 1 further comprising a data mining unit operable to perform data mining on user preferences and interests.
5. The system as in claim 4 further comprising at least one database operable to store a plurality of process information, said information at least used by said data mining section to perform such data mining.
6. The system as in claim 1 further comprising a collaboration unit operable to enable an exchange of information between a user and a relationship.
7. The system as in claim 1 wherein the image comprises a screen saver.

8. A method for visualizing categorized information comprising:  
controlling the storage of a collection of graphical user elements and at least one background image;  
controlling the display of one or more of the graphical user elements within the image to provide a user with a current status of a given information category associated with the element,  
wherein the information categories are based on selected user criteria.

9. The method as in claim 8 wherein the criteria comprises at least criteria selected from the group consisting of function and time.

10. The method as in claim 8 further comprising configuring categories and user preferences.

11. The method as in claim 8 further comprising performing data mining on user preferences and interests.

12. The method as in claim 11 further comprising storing a plurality of process information, said information at least used by said data mining section to perform such data mining.

13. The method as in claim 8 further comprising exchanging information between a user and relationship.